

MINUTES
SENATE STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

- DATE:** Friday, February 28, 2020
- TIME:** 8:00 A.M.
- PLACE:** Room WW55
- MEMBERS PRESENT:** Chairwoman Lodge, Vice Chairman Harris, Senators Hill, Winder, Vick, Anthon, Souza, Stennett, and Buckner-Webb
- ABSENT/ EXCUSED:** None
- NOTE:** The sign-in sheet, testimonies and other related materials will be retained with the minutes in the committee's office until the end of the session and will then be located on file with the minutes in the Legislative Services Library.
- CONVENED:** **Chairwoman Lodge** called the meeting of the Senate State Affairs Committee (Committee) to order at 8:05 a.m.
- RS 27855** **UNANIMOUS CONSENT REQUEST** from the Senate Transportation Committee to provide a practical method to use existing law to inspect commercial vehicles for dyed fuel.
- Senator Brackett**, District 3, Chairman of the Transportation Committee, presented **RS 27855** which deals with inspections of commercial vehicles using dyed diesel fuel. He said the purpose of the legislation is to provide a practical inspection method to inspect commercial vehicles for dyed diesel fuel used on highways, and to ensure compliance with regulations and a minimum amount of disruption using existing state police.
- MOTION:** **Senator Hill** moved to send **RS 27855** to print. **Senator Buckner-Webb** seconded the motion. The motion carried by **voice vote**.
- PRESENTATION:** **ANNUAL BRIEF** by the Idaho Public Safety Communications Commission, Idaho Military Division.
- Mayor Garrett Nancolas**, Chairman of the Idaho Public Safety Communications Commission (IPSCC), Idaho Military Division, presented the annual brief to the Committee. He said the IPSCC was formed from the Idaho Emergency Communications Commission (IECC) which was created in 2004 under Title 31, Idaho Code. The goal of the creation of the IECC was to bring 911 services to the state for easy access to emergency communications. The IPSCC includes the Consolidated Emergency Communication System Centers, known as "System Centers" or the Public Safety Answering Points (PSAP), to coordinate an efficient and effective transition to the next generation of newer technology for the State of Idaho.
- Mayor Nancolas** provided some highlights from the annual report (see Attachment 1):
- in 2008, legislation to increase the 911 fee by twenty-five cents was passed creating a grant fund that has been used to change emergency communications in the state of Idaho and to fund the IPSCC;
 - in 2010, the first of the grants was distributed to counties and PSAPs;
 - to date, total grants distributed is over \$18 million;

- the annual operating budget of the IPSCC is \$192,000 which pays for staff and running the commission;
- the IPSCC has participated in discussions with the Governor and AT&T, and provided valuable input in placement of the new towers to ensure adequate service for all of Idaho.

RS 27825

RELATING TO TORT CLAIMS to extend Section 6-904, Idaho Code to include defending attorneys and indigent defense providers.

Senator Winder presented **RS 27825** and said this legislation will amend Idaho Code § 6-904, to provide an exemption for personal liability for a defending attorney or public defender. This exemption has been available to judges and prosecutors, but excluded public defenders.

MOTION:

Senator Anthon moved to send **RS 27825** to print. **Senator Stennett** seconded the motion. The motion carried by **voice vote**.

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APPROVAL:**

Senator Winder moved to approve the Minutes of February 5, 2020. **Senator Anthon** seconded the motion. The motion carried by **voice vote**.

Senator Harris moved to approve the Minutes of February 12, 2020. **Senator Buckner-Webb** seconded the motion. The motion carried by **voice vote**.

ADJOURNED:

There being no further business at this time, **Chairwoman Lodge** adjourned the meeting at 8:20 a.m.

Senator Lodge, Chair

Twyla Melton, Secretary

Denise B. McNeil
Assistant to the Assistant Majority
Leader